

# Would American Women Fight As Well As the Russian "Corps of Death"?

## DAUGHTER OF COL. MOSBY SAYS THEY CERTAINLY WOULD

Are American women going to let Russian women win all the laurels as soldiers?

Are they going to stand back and let womanly pluck and daring go down in history with a Russian and not an American label?

These are the questions being asked today by the daughter of one of the greatest soldiers that ever lived—Mrs. Stuart Mosby Coleman, who has inherited more than the name of the Confederacy's great guerrilla leader. A regiment of American women, fully equipped, fully trained, ready to go into active service at the drop of the hat—this is the soldierly ambition of a soldier's daughter, all of which would be, in her estimation, more valuable for its moral effect and for the purpose of demonstrating just what stuff American women are made of rather than for any actual competition with the men in the ranks.

### Who Would Dare?

"With a regiment like that, putting them to shame, what man would dare to be a slacker?" Mrs. Coleman exclaimed. "What man could bear to have a squad of women surround his house and demand to know why he didn't register, or why, having registered, he failed to show up for medical examination, or why, having passed the medical board, he faked up a claim for exemption?"

"Would a regiment of women be a success?" repeated Mrs. Coleman. "Ask first if the regiment of Russian women has been a success. Does anyone think American women are not equal to their Russian sisters? Of course, it would be a success. I'd like a command in it myself. I'd like to have the honor of being the one to get the Kaiser himself, to help avenge in the name of woman the wrongs done to women and children in Belgium and France."

"The bravery of the Russian women in facing the enemy when their men comrades were fleeing, puts an end forever, I hope to that long standing anti-suffrage argument that no one should vote in a nation who cannot bear arms in its defense. Have women ever been asked to bear arms and refused or failed? No, the men have just taken it for granted they couldn't, and have assigned to them the less picturesque tasks related to war, the making of munitions, the endless anxiety of waiting at home and finally of caring for children made fatherless by the war."

**Mistaken Idea of Chivalry.** "Men have kept women out of many activities, I believe, from a mistaken idea of chivalry, which, simmered down, is nothing but selfishness. The present estimate of the physical possibilities of women is all wrong. Man has made a doll baby out of the better class of women because he wanted a doll baby. The women of the so-called lower classes have at ways done as strenuous things as their men. And when it comes to a matter of courage, a man is apt to say, 'A woman couldn't fight. Good heavens, she's scared of a mouse.' Very true, but so is an elephant scared of a mouse but no one ever doubted an elephant's courage once he got going."

"My belief is, that were you to take a group of young women pronounced physically perfect and train them side by side with a group of young men, you'd find the women would compare themselves as creditably as the men. Not every woman could fight any more than every man. There are male weaklings as well as female weaklings."

"The few women warriors of history have been wonderful fighters, from Boadicea down. The Boer women fought side by side with their men like tigers. Bulgarian women have fought, too. It remained for the Russian women to show what a group of trained women soldiers can do."

"And when a woman faces the enemy, it requires ten times as much courage as a man, for, once captured, she, as a prisoner, has far worse horrors to face than any man. If it's true that the Russian women soldiers carry capsules of cyanide for use if captured, it is a splendid idea."

**Priceless Boost.** "With the honor and reputation of the entire race of women in their hands, those Russian women have given the cause of women's freedom a priceless boost. The percentage of casualties show how they fought and how they held their ground."

"I don't believe they were super-women, either. They were just average women from many professions and trades, spurred on by a great purpose and well trained for the work on hand."

"The average male recruit isn't the most likely specimen in the world. If he's been a clerk, he's probably a

## Mrs. Bungo Hippo and New-Born Babe



Zoo mother and her first child who swam in pool on day of its birth and who was christened yesterday, taking its first walk. Mr. and Mrs. Hippo have separated on account of differences over the rearing of their child.

## Even \$174,000,000 Won't Pay Nation's Cold Drink Bill

America's annual summer bill for soda water, ice cream, and soft drinks is more than \$174,000,000.

That's the estimate of a member of Congress, who has been delving into summer statistics and his announcement today is startling in some respects. Here's the itemized bill for the nation: Soda water—\$58,400,000. Manufactured ice—\$60,388,000. Ice cream—\$55,900,000. "And that's only a part of it," said the Congressman, "because we haven't any way of getting at the figures showing the amount of home-grown ice cream and soft drinks that are consumed every summer."

bit near-sighted, pretty slight and frail and without much endurance at the start. But the same sort of training that makes a fighting machine of him would make Amazons of women."

"No woman would ever fight for military glory, none ever seek the bubble reputation even in the cannon's mouth—the queens of history who led in battle almost universally were defending their lands."

Women would never remain in standing armies or regard war as a business. They would never lift a finger to add laurels to the brow of a Roman or another quartering to the imperial arms of a Hohenzollern."

**No Wars For Conquest.** Natural conservators of the home and race, they would never fight for fame or conquest; but in the protection of their family and home they would stand undaunted in the last ditch.

"Let those who hold up their hands in pious horror at the prospect of future regiments of American women contemplate, for a moment, where many of our young women are headed today. Wouldn't you rather see a young woman in khaki hiking cross country for ten miles for a bit of drill than loitering about on the back seat of an automobile, getting fat and pudgy? Wouldn't you just as soon see them at rifle practice as being pulled up and down the street by an insignificant pup at the other end of the leash? Many a mother has consoled herself upon her son's enlistment in the army with the thought: Perhaps it will make a man of him. They might easily say of their daughters: Maybe it will make a woman of her."

"But women wouldn't be good trench fighters," Mrs. Coleman insisted. "It would be too grubby just mauling in those trenches as the men have been doing for years. No one but the stolid Germans could have invented trench fighting. For women, unhampered by precedent, with all the dash and ardor that comes with being new at the game,

I think it would be up and over the top for them, and after that free open fighting."

### Would Like Scouting.

"How I'd love to do some of the scouting stunts my father did. When you come to consider that a daughter inherits just as many qualities from her father as she does from her mother, it wouldn't be surprising if women would make just as good soldiers as the men."

"I'm not saying, of course, that from a national or racial standpoint, this making soldiers of women is the right thing to do. It probably isn't, on any large scale, but instead of listening to men declaim how women can fight, I'd like to see a group of American women demonstrate that it isn't only in Russia that women soldiers are made. One thing is certain, women would never make war, certainly never a war of aggression, but once the fighting were on our own soil, they'd fight, even if they had to do it with kitchen forks. The interesting experiment, however, would be a regiment, trained and drilled just like the regular army. Then look out for the 1917 Moll Pitcher!"

No one who has read the exploits of the dashing Colonel Mosby, who, with a mere handful of men, worried an army of thousands almost to distraction, can doubt that his daughter would uphold the Mosby tradition.

## BOY'S TALE OF ROBBERS WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Inspector Grant, at police headquarters, will summon Rotherst Chambliss, nineteen years old, of 1225 Monroe street northwest, to his office tomorrow morning to question the boy closely about the robbery story he told the police today.

Chambliss reported to headquarters this morning that he came home at 10 o'clock last night and found two men in the house. They entered by the back door, he said, and he told them to get out. One of the robbers, he said, was a white man, over six feet tall. The "giant" covered him with a gun while the two made their escape.

The boy lives alone in the house, the police say. His father is a vice expert of the Department of Agriculture and is on the road. His mother is visiting in the South. On July 24 the police had another complaint that a robber had stolen a revolver from Chambliss' dressing table, ignoring a sum of money that lay beside it.

## MEXICO WILL INTERN ALL GERMAN PLOTTERS

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 5.—Representatives of the Mexican government here have announced that German subjects responsible for the strikes of the Mexican employees in the Tampico oil fields and at the American Smelting and Refining Company at Monterrey are to be interned.

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## "BUSTER," HIPPO BABE, BAPTIZED AT ZOO FESTIVAL

Baby Buster took his first walk and was christened all at the same time yesterday. It isn't every two-month-old baby that can walk to his own christening, but Buster is quite an exceptional baby, being the promising young hopeful of Mr. and Mrs. Bungo Hippopotamus, who have really spacious apartments at the Zoo.

Buster is really the cutest little hippo (he really couldn't be called a whole hippopotamus yet) in the country and is almost certain to have as guests many distinguished students of zoology, since it is very rare for baby hippos to be born in captivity.

**Her First Child.** Although this is Mrs. Hippopotamus' first child, she being a young matron of only eight years herself, she is taking the best of care of it, and it now weighs 110 pounds, more than twice its weight at birth.

To tell the truth, although the Zoo officials are doing their best to keep the scandal quiet, the Bungos have separated, and their domestic affairs are in an awful state. It's all an account of the baby. Mrs. Bungo, whose maiden name is Mombo, short for Momboosa, her native place in South Africa, wants to bring the baby up in entirely her own way, while her husband thinks he should have something to say about the matter. Mrs. Bungo, however, will not brook the slightest interference in the care of Buster, and if it weren't for the Zoo officials using their influence in the interest of peace and inducing Bungo to stay in his own pool all by himself, their quarrels would have reached such a stage that all the other neighbors in and around the Lion House certainly would have heard them.

**Swam Day of Birth.** In the meantime the jealous mother plays with the baby to her heart's content, while the father hippopotamus looks wistfully on, trying to talk to his young son in his best hippopotamus style.

Walking isn't Buster's only accomplishment. He could swim the very day he was born. In fact, that's how the keeper got him. No one at the Zoo had any idea there was to be a baby hippo until the keeper went in one morning and saw little Buster, although he didn't have any name then, showing his mother how well he could swim.

## ONE TROOPER DEAD, THREE INJURED, AS AUTO TURNS TURTLE

One man is dead and a second is in a critical condition as a result of an automobile crash on the Conduit road last night, when a machine occupied by four troopers from Fort Myer skidded, dashed into a telegraph pole, and turned turtle.

Private Otto Vinning, twenty-five years old, of the Second Cavalry, was instantly killed. Private Thomas J. Murphy suffered internal injuries and may die. Murphy and Vinning were pinned to the ground by the car.

Corporal James F. Kane and Private George Loran, the other members of the party, escaped with slight cuts and were able to leave the hospital today. The men were returning from Glen Echo, where they had spent the evening. They were going at a rapid clip when the machine skidded as it turned a curve.

## GIRL STRUCK BY AUTO EXPECTED TO RECOVER

A fractured skull and broken leg don't mean a whole lot in the life of five-year-old Louise Kelly, of Riverdale, Md., who will recover from the experience of walking in front of a motor car, according to Casualty Hospital doctors.

Louise spent last evening at Berwyn with her mother and aunt, and they came back to Riverdale in the automobile of a friend. They all got out in front of the Kelly home, and Louise walked around the back of the car.

She didn't see another car which clipped past at that moment and struck the child. The second auto stopped, and the driver made known his identity, which James F. Kelly, Louise's father, couldn't remember, beyond the fact that the driver was a national guard captain.

## LOCAL MENTION.

Today, Table d'Hôte Dinner, 5 to 8, 5125. Music, Harvey's Famous Restaurant, 11th and Pa. Ave.

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## THE LAST ACT.



WHAT THE GERMANS SAY HE SAID: Lloyd George—"A ship! A ship! My kingdom for a ship!" (c) Jugend (Munich).

WHAT HE REALLY SAID: "No one in Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia or even Germany and Austria, knows how near we are to the summit of our hope."

## STARVATION CLAIM OF I. W. W. EXILES FOUND TO BE FAKE

BISBEE Ariz., Aug. 5.—Capt. M. A. Pallen, judge advocate of the Arizona military department, sent here to investigate claims of "Big Bill" Haywood, that families of deported I. W. W. men are starving, has spent two days investigating. Instead of starvation he has found most of the families living better than they are accustomed to.

Local committees are attending to the distribution of food and, as the mining companies are furnishing the food in most cases, there has not been any decided inclination toward skimping. A leader of the I. W. W. movement passed through El Paso Saturday en route to New York for a conference with alleged I. W. W. leaders of national importance there. He came here from Columbus, N. M., where the 1,168 alleged I. W. W. exiles have been since their deportation from Bisbee.

Another leader of the movement, reported to have gone to Chicago recently for a conference with William Haywood and to have returned to the I. W. W. camp at Columbus. This trip was made in an effort to have the deported men sent back to Bisbee under military guard.

A reply to the message sent Haywood by the leaders of the exiles, urging him to leave camp, was received in Columbus Saturday, according to Government agents. This message assured the exiles the national organization was giving their cases attention.

There is a growing fear among the smaller towns and settlements along the border west of here that the exiles at Columbus, now scattering in small bands, will cause trouble and the governor of New Mexico has been asked for troops or other protection by several communities.

## AUGUSTA'S "RED LIGHT" DISTRICT MUST GO

AUGUSTA, Ga., Aug. 4.—Final notices were served today on the occupants of Augusta's segregated district to "vamoos" by August 15. This action was taken by the city fathers concurrent with the coming to Camp Hancock of the 36,000 Pennsylvania troops, who are scheduled to arrive about the middle of the month.

**rites for Gen. Weston.** Last rites with military honors were held for Major General John K. Weston today at Arlington National Cemetery. He died Friday, after a brief illness, at Briarcliff Manor, N. Y. He was seventy-two years old, and fought in the Civil, Indian, and Spanish-American wars.

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## NO PEACE UNTIL ENEMY DISGORGES, GEORGE DECLARES

LONDON, Aug. 5.—The German government must learn to utter the word "restoration" before the allies can give any countenance to a German plea for peace. This was the keynote of the speech made by Lloyd George at Queen's Hall, last night.

Optimism breathed through the premier's speech as well as a grim determination to "see it through." "No one in any of the belligerent countries," he asserted, "had any idea 'how near we are to the summit of our hope,' which he described as the elimination of war from the tragedy of human life and the assurance that there would be no 'next time' for prepared German militarism to spring upon an unwary and liberty-loving world."

The direct aim of the war he phrased as a fight "to defeat the most dangerous conspiracy ever plotted against the liberty of nations," and while he admitted that "war was a terrible and regrettable business, he denied that it could possibly be 'so ghastly as a German peace.'"

**Saved Monroe Doctrine.** He pictured the world catastrophe which would have occurred had Great Britain remained neutral after the invasion of Belgium and spoke particularly of America's Monroe doctrine, which would have vanished before German world-conquest.

In the course of his speech, Premier Lloyd George said: "Victory must be so complete that our national liberty never again shall be challenged. 'Russia learned that an army without discipline is a rabble. 'There are some here who want to set up conditions for the British army and direct the conduct of the war. We can not allow a sectional organization to direct the war or to dictate the terms of peace. The nation as a whole must make peace. Continuing, Mr. Lloyd George said: 'No one in Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia, or even in Germany and Austria, knows how near we are today to the summit of our hope.'"

**Tribute to Italy.** The premier paid a tribute to Italy, whose greatness, he said, was in itself additional security for peace and liberty throughout the world. "The Kaiser now adopts different language—fighting to protect German soil. Even now neither he nor his new chancellor has said they would be satisfied with German soil. They talked glibly of peace but stated when they came to the word 'restoration.' Before we enter a peace conference they must learn to utter that word to begin with. Our gallant fellows are actually going to cure the Kaiser of his stutter. 'Restoration' is the first letter; then we will talk."

"War is a ghastly business, but it is not as grim as a bad peace. There is an end to a horrible war, but a bad peace will go on and on, staggering from one war to another. The Prussian war lords have not yet abandoned their ambitions. They are only discussing the postponement of the realization of their ambitions."

"On all the roads ever confronted there are ups and downs, and no doubt the Russian collapse is rather a deep glen, and I am not sure that we have reached its darkest level. But across the valley I can see the ascent."

"We of this country cannot allow sectional organizations to make war decisions for us. The nation as a whole has made war sacrifices, pretty evenly divided among all classes, and the nation as a whole must make peace."

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